

We're CARTagious

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Capital Area Recycling and Trash Newsletter

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Virg Bernero, Mayor



HELP IS HERE!

We have tools and tips to help make recycling easier than ever.

If you have trouble remembering what week to set out your recycling, refer to the **recycling calendar and map on pages 5 and 6**.

Tear it out and hang it on the fridge for easy reference!

You can also find your collection day using the online recycling map and calendar tool at www.lansingrecycles.com. Simply type in your address. Information about your collection day and week pops up on the map!



HELPFUL TIPS

Here are some other helpful reminders to keep your pick up trouble-free:

- ★ Promptly remove your cart from the curb after it's been emptied on collection day.
- ★ Do not store the cart at the curb throughout week.
- ★ Make sure the cart is on the curb by 7am on collection day.
- ★ Have a full recycling cart and more materials to set out? Place extra items in a cardboard box or paper bag and set it next to your recycling cart, not on the lid.
- ★ Remember that service is typically delayed by one day when there is a major holiday. A full calendar of holidays and events that may affect collections can be found at www.lansingrecycles.com.

GO CARTAGIOUS!

Recycling is CARTagious! Initial data suggests that we have increased the amount of recyclables collected by as much as 95% since recycling carts were distributed last Fall!

This means more natural resources are conserved, more energy is saved and more space is saved in the local landfill...

Great job Lansing!



Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper
& gift wrapping paper



Cartons



#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers
(no Styrofoam)



Aluminum & Metal Cans

Newspapers,
Magazines,
Brochures &
Inserts



Paperboard boxes
(cereal, pasta, & tissue)



Corrugated cardboard &
Paper bags



Household scrap metal

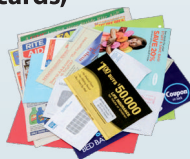
NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps,
address labels, staples,
metal fasteners,
cellophane address
windows, rubber bands,
spiral bindings, plastic tabs



Phonebooks

Greeting cards,
regular &
junk mail



Glass bottles & jars
(all colors)



Bulky Rigid Plastic
(buckets, chairs, toys)

NO

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam containers
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors,
ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and
food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell
phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- #3 Plastics

Empty and rinse all containers.

Everything, including cardboard,
must fit inside cart with lid closed.

**Please follow these guidelines
and set your cart out by 7:00 am.**



Use your smartphone
to scan this QR code
and visit us online @
lansingrecycles.com



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Recycling & Yard Waste Information



Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Carts must be off the curb by 7 p.m.

Bi-Weekly Recycling Collection

Refer to calendar and map on pages 5 & 6 for bi-weekly collection schedule.

No need to sort materials. Place all loose recyclables in green cart. See the Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling on page 2.



Seasonal Yard Waste Collection

Begins week of March 31, 2014



Place leaves, grass clippings, etc. on the curbside in paper bags on your normal collection day.

Don't use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings.

Paper lawn care bags are available at most grocery & hardware stores.

Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. **Please, NO wire.**

Please limit all bags and bundles to no more than 30 pounds.

Spring is Coming!

Care for your Lawn and Garden the Natural Way!

Free Information Packet for Managing Yard Waste

Consider handling grass clippings, garden waste and other organic yard waste in your own backyard by composting, mulching and grass cycling. It's easier than you think!

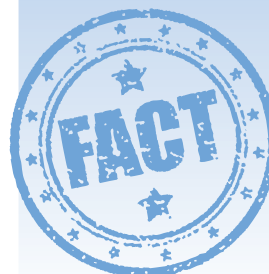
Call 483-4400 or email recycle@lansingmi.gov for a free information packet that will help you get started.



Help Protect our Water

Basic Habits to Protect our Water Supply

- 💧 **Conserve water when possible** – Do not over water your lawn or garden. As a general rule lawns only need watering every 5-7 days in the summer.
- 💧 **Using fertilizer** – Consider using a soil test before applying. Fertilize naturally by leaving grass clippings on the lawn to decompose providing nutrients for the lawn. Over fertilization is a common mistake and the excess can leach into ground water or contaminate rivers and lakes. Storm drains connect to rivers and lakes. Prevent the run off of pesticides or fertilizer into the storm drains by not applying before or during rain.
- 💧 **Need a carwash?** Go to a commercial carwash or, if you have to wash at home, wash on the lawn.
- 💧 **Vehicle maintenance** - Fix leaks and clean up spills. Recycle used oil and other fluids. Never put oil or other chemicals down storm drains. Take advantage of the Ingham County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. See page 4 for details or call 517-887-4312.



ONE QUART OF OIL CAN CONTAMINATE UP TO TWO MILLION GALLONS OF DRINKING WATER.

Trash Disposal Information



Place all items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7:00 p.m. Bags of trash must not exceed 30 pounds and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash. See guidelines on pages 2 and 3.

NO hazardous waste, herbicide, pesticides, wet paint, ash or coals, gasoline, or other explosive materials. Double bag animal waste and diapers. Properly dispose of needles and lancets by placing in plastic bottle or other rigid container before putting into household trash.

Did you know that the City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for 100 years? This makes us the leader in convenient and affordable weekly curbside pickup. Choose the option that works best for you, either blue cart or blue bag service. Our range of trash services are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

Blue Trash Cart Service

These convenient and strong blue carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will keep carts clean and minimize odors. Can't get your cart to the curb? Front door pick up is available for an additional fee each quarter.

Select the cart size that suits your needs:

[32-gallon cart](#)

\$40 for 3 months

[65-gallon cart](#)

\$45 for 3 months

[95-gallon cart](#)

\$51 for 3 months

Pre-paid service billed quarterly with 4 convenient ways to pay:

Online:

lansingrecycles.com

By Mail:

Send check or money order to:
City of Lansing, CART
601 E. South Street
Lansing, MI 48910

By Phone:

Call 483-4400

In Person:

City of Lansing,
Treasurer's Office –
1st floor of City Hall



Get signed up today with a quick phone call to 483-4400.



Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores at a cost of \$8.75 for a package of five 30-gallon bags (prices subject to change).

Visit www.lansingrecycles.com for complete list of locations.



Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 pounds and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Each individual item must be tagged.

Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (*prices subject to change*).

Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.

Note: Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST be removed.



***Have Questions?
Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400***

Recycling Collection Schedule 2014-15



Recycling collection is every other week using a green or blue week schedule. Find your collection week on the Recycling Collection Map on page 6 or use the online recycling map and calendar tool at www.lansingrecycles.com.

Save this Recycling Collection Schedule to make it easy to remember when to set out your green recycling cart.

Holidays that affect collection service are marked in yellow . Collections will be delayed for those with service on the day of the holiday and the days after the holiday.

For example, when a holiday falls on a Thursday, Thursday collections will be done on Friday.

Important Dates

2014 Holidays and Important Dates:

- 3/29** Recycle Rama - Details on pg. 7
- 3/31** Yard Waste Collection Begins - Details on pg. 3
- 4/18** Good Friday - Office closed. No collection delay.
- 5/26** Memorial Day - Office closed. **1 day collection delay.**
- 7/4** Independence Day - Office closed.
No collection delay.
- 9/1** Labor Day - Office closed. **1 day collection delay.**
- 11/11** Veteran's Day - Office closed. **1 day collection delay.**
- 11/27** Thanksgiving Day - Office closed 11/27 & 11/28.
1 day collection delay.
- 12/24** Christmas Eve - Office closed. No collection delay.
- 12/25** Christmas Day - Office closed.
1 day collection delay.
- 12/31** New Year's Eve - Office closed. No collection delay.

2015 Holidays and Important Dates:

- 1/1** New Year's Day - Office closed.
1 day collection delay.
- 1/19** Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office closed.
1 day collection delay.
- 2/16** President's Day - Office open. No collection delay.
- 4/3** Good Friday - Office closed. No collection delay.
- 5/25** Memorial Day - Office closed. **1 day collection delay.**

2014 Recycling Collection Schedule

Recycling collection is every other week.

Trash and yard waste collection is every week.

Yard waste collection is seasonal - beginning the week of March 31 - November.

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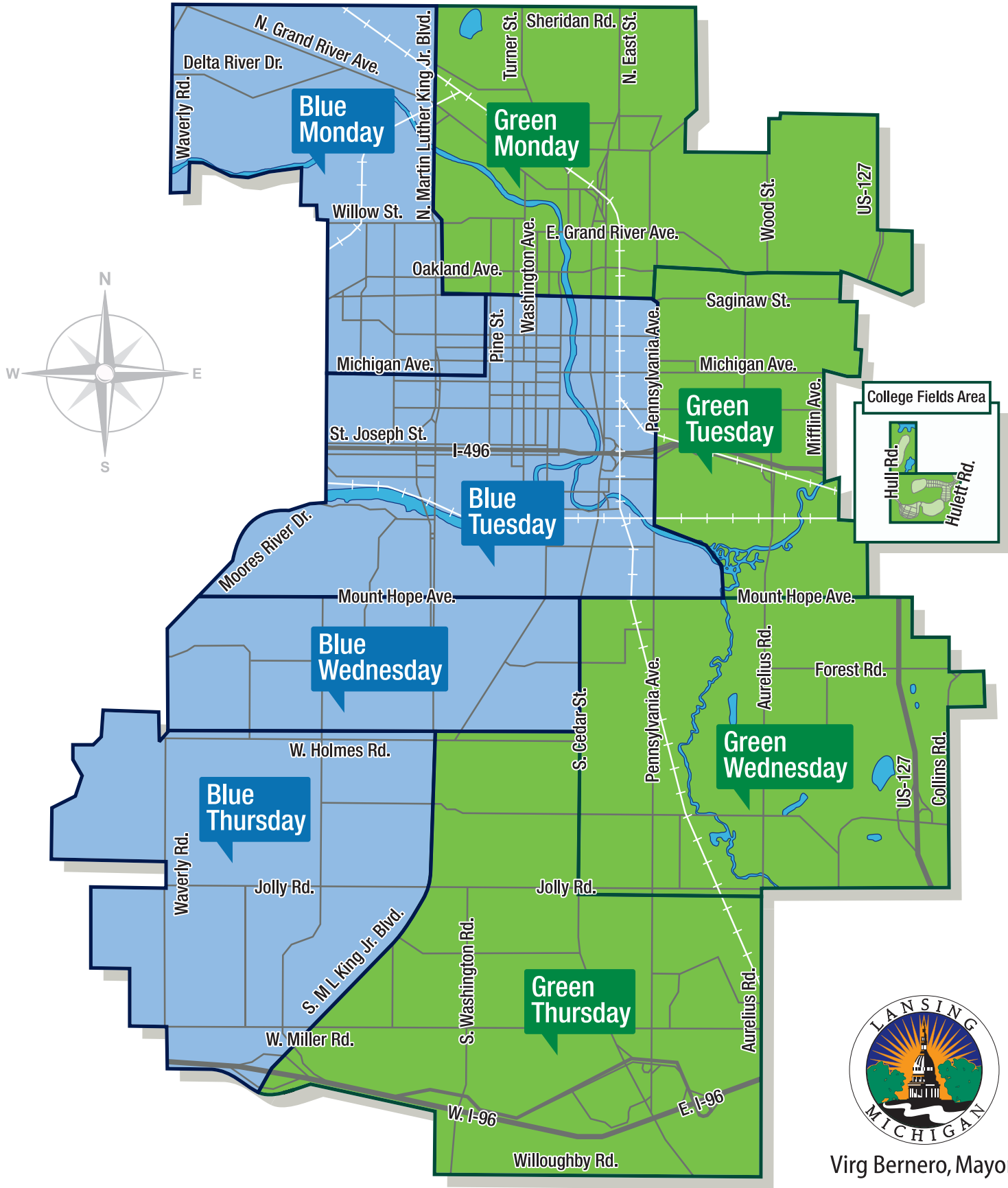
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NEW! Find your collection day using the online recycling map and calendar tool at www.lansingrecycles.com

Residential Recycling Routes



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Special Programs



Recycle Rama

Date: Saturday, March 29

Time: 9am-2pm

Location:

Ingham County Health Dept,
5303 S. Cedar St.

All items are free to drop off!

Bring only items listed here:

Electronics: Computers (all types), computer accessories (keyboards, scanners, printers, etc.), televisions (all sizes), stereos/speakers, microwaves, copy machines, CD/DVD players, VCR's, telephones (land lines and cell phones), coffee makers, vacuum cleaners, toasters and other household items with a cord

Household Batteries (No auto batteries)

Books: All types, hard and soft cover, telephone books, etc.

Clothing and Shoes: Any condition

Usable Household Items:

(plates, silverware, pots, pans, and other items)

CD's and DVD's

Holiday Lights: Remove strands from boxes & packaging

Unwanted Medicine: Leave in original containers and cross out personal information

Appliances/Scrap metal

Bicycles

#1-#7 Plastics: Includes garden plastic pots and trays (shake off dirt and debris)

Glass Jars, Bottles and Containers: (all colors)

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL's)

& Fluorescent Tubes (limit 10/vehicle)

Mercury Thermostats: Leave intact

Mercury Thermometers: Place in ziplock bag

Used Household Fats, Cooking Oil, & Grease (no motor oil)

Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam): No packing peanuts

Fabrics/Yarn: Fabrics in usable condition only - 1/4 yard or larger. Full skeins of yarn only.

Eyeglasses

Dehumidifiers*

Room Air Conditioners*

For More Information Contact:

517-483-4400 • recycle@lansingmi.gov • www.lansingrecycles.com

*BWL residential electric customers that recycle a working room air conditioner or dehumidifier will receive a \$25.00 rebate under the Hometown Energy Savers Program. This event is sponsored by the City of Lansing, MSU, Board of Water and Light, City of East Lansing, Delhi Township, Ingham County Health Dept, Peckham, Inc, Michigan Energy Options, Community Emergency Response Team, Clinton County, Eaton County, World Mission and Spartan Barricading.

Hazardous Waste

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints every Thursday from 2-6 p.m., May – September.



Capital Area Take Back Meds Program

Safely dispose of unwanted medicine at one of the local drop off sites. Go to www.takebackmeds.org to find out where or call 517-887-4312.



Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Double bag CFLs in sealable plastic bags and drop off at any of the following locations:

- Any Home Depot Store
- Ingham County Hazardous Waste Collection
- More drop off sites can be found at: <http://lbwl.com/EnergySavers/>





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**Public Service Department
Operations and Maintenance Division
Capital Area Recycling and Trash**

601 East South Street
Lansing, Michigan 48910

To Our Friends At:

**CART HOTLINE
517.483.4400**

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or email us at: recycle@lansingmi.gov

Recycling, it's CARTagious!



*Please Recycle
This Newsletter*

Newsletter Highlights



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